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SUBJECT: USG VIEWS ON ILO 1978 CONFERENCE

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1. LABATT MADE POINTS IN REF A TO GERD MUHR, FRG
WORKERS REPRESENTATIVE, WHO IS ATTENDING DGB CONFERENCE
IN HAMBURG. HE APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION, BUT FOUND
NOTHING PARTICULARLY NEW IN IT. HE EXPRESSED PER-
SONAL VIEW THAT HE IS NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT U.S.
RETURNING TO THE ILO VERY SOON. HE HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT
THAT IF IT WERE NOT POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE THE US TO
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REMAIN IN THE ILO, IT WOULD BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT
TO ENTICE US BACK IN ONCE IT HAD LEFT.

2. MUHR WAS HOPEFUL THAT CACR REPORT INCORPORATING
COE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARA 10 OF 1978 COE REPORT
WOULD BE ADOPTED. HE WAS ALSO OPTIMISTIC THAT THE
SPECIAL MISSION TO ISRAEL'S REPORT CAN BE ADOPTED.

3. ON STRUCTURAL ISSUES, MUHR IS LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SUCCESS AND INDEED IS NOT AS PERSONALLY COMMITTED TO THE US POSITION AS HE IS ON THE ABOVE TWO ISSUES. HE FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE US MADE A MISTAKE IN LEAVING THE ILO AND THAT WORKING FOR CHANGE FROM OUTSIDE CANNOT BE AS EFFECTIVE AS WORKING FROM THE INSIDE.

4. INTERESTINGLY, MUHR HAS HIS OWN IDEAS ABOUT HOW ILO PROCEDURES COULD BE IMPROVED AND PRINCIPLES MAINTAINED. HE STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT A SECRET BALLOT IN THE CONFERENCE AND THE SEPARATION OF DELEGATIONS INTO GROUPINGS OF GOVERNMENTS, EMPLOYERS, AND WORKERS WOULD IMPROVE THE PATTERN OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE CONFERENCE. HE BELIEVES THAT TOO MANY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES CAN INTIMIDATE EMPLOYER AND WORKER REPRESENTATIVES UNDER THE PRESENT CONFERENCE VOTING AND SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.
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